



For Immediate Release

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Royal Oak Police Department Weekly Update
For the week of December 8, 2016 through December 15, 2016

Breaking and Entering

1300 block of Edgewood Dr. 12-10-16, 5:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) tampered with a window on the south side of her residence. The window was discovered open but entry was not gained. 16-44093

100 block of E. Seventh St. 12-13-16, 9:00 a.m. – 3:26 p.m.: Complainant reported returning to her residence and discovering the front entry door unlocked and a front window screen removed. Complainant indicated an unknown suspect(s) entered the residence and stole several pieces of jewelry, a computer monitor and a tablet. 16-44387

600 block of E. Parent Ave. 12-10-16, 4:00 p.m. - 10:00p.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect entered his for sale residence and stole numerous appliances, pieces of furniture, and some clothing. 16-44381

Larceny from an Automobile

4200 block of E Fourteen Mile Rd. 12-8-16 – 12-9-16, 5:00 p.m. - 1:15 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) entered his unlocked 1986 Mercedes and removed an unknown amount of loose change. 16-43881

Larceny

200 block of Devillen Ave. 12-9-16, 11:53 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole a FedEx package from his front porch. 16-43891

1200 block of Diamond Court, 12-9-16 – 12-12-16, 4:40 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole several furnaces from the condominiums under construction. 16-44242

215 W. Fifth (Fifth Avenue), 12-10-16, 12:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.: Complainant reported setting her Northface Coat on the back of a chair. When she returned, she discovered an unknown suspect had stolen it. 16-43990

400 E. Eleven Mile Rd., (44th District Court) 12-14-16, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.: Two complainants reported placing their Apple I-Phones in the lobby locker bank and upon returning discovered and unknown suspect(s) had stolen the phones. 16-44510/16-44510

Unlawful Driving Away an Automobile

600 block of E. Parent, 12-10-16, 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.: Complainant reported his 1997 Ford Econoline van stolen from the parking lot of his business by an unknown suspect(s).
16-44248

Additional Incidents and Information

The following arrests were made during the period:

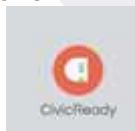
Four (4) Misdemeanor Warrant
Two (2) Felony Warrant
Five (5) Probation Violation
One (1) Disorderly Conduct
Three (3) Drove While License Suspended
Four (4) Drove While License Suspended & Misdemeanor Warrant
One (1) Drove While License Suspended & Possession of Marijuana
Six (6) Operating While Intoxicated
One (1) Operating While Intoxicated 2nd Offense
Three (3) Possession of Marijuana
One (1) Possession of Marijuana & Misdemeanor Warrant
One (1) Prescription Fraud & Felony Warrant
One (1) Possession of Synthetic Narcotics
One (1) Malicious Destruction of Property & Disorderly Conduct
One (1) Domestic Assault
One (1) Possession of Counterfeit Currency

Total Arrests: 36

Now that winter is here residents and visitors are reminded of Royal Oak's Snow Emergency Ordinance. Snow Emergency conditions are generally defined as ***a snowfall of four inches or more and will remain in effect until your street has been plowed.*** All vehicles on residential streets are to be removed or will be ticketed or towed. Vehicles are to remain off the streets until plow trucks have gone through the area. Once a snow emergency is called and plowing begins, it takes approximately 24-36 hours to plow all city streets, depending on how much snow has fallen.

Residents may call the Snow Emergency Hotline, 248-246-3442, to find out if a snow emergency is in effect or go to <http://www.romi.gov>.

Also, check out the **Civic Ready** link to sign up for weather and other Royal Oak public safety related alerts via text, email, or phone.



UPDATE: Bomb Threat Suspect Sentenced

On November 21, 2016, Sixth Circuit Court Judge, Honorable Daniel P. O'Brien, sentenced Benjamin Tesner to a term in prison of 16 months to 20 years after having pled guilty to the charge of False Report or Threat of Terrorism.

For any additional questions please contact Lieutenant Keith Spencer at (248) 246-3456.

Original Press Release - September 23, 2016 *Bomb Threat Suspect Arrested*

The Royal Oak Police Department has identified and arrested the person believed to be responsible for the bomb threat at Yogurt City in Royal Oak. Benjamin Tesner, 22-years-old, is a friend of an employee. Investigators are unsure what motivated Tesner to make the threat.

On September 23, 2016, Tesner was charged with one (1) felony count of False Report or Threat of Terrorism, which carries a penalty of up to 20 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine.

He was arraigned before the Honorable Judge Wittenberg in the 44th District Court. His bond was set at \$50,000/10%. His next court date is set for Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. before Judge Wittenberg.

On September 20, 2016 at 2:50 p.m., an employee of Yogurt City, located at 122 S. Main Street, received two threatening phone calls seconds apart. The male caller told the employee he was with ISIS, there was a bomb in the building, and implied it would detonate within four hours.

Officers quickly responded and evacuated businesses in the immediate area. Officers checked the business and surrounding areas with the assistance of a bomb dog from the Macomb County Sheriff's Office. No explosive devices were located.

Investigators searched the suspect's home in Oak Park, as well as an apartment in Royal Oak from where the call was placed, with the assistance of a bomb dog from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. No explosives or any evidence linking the suspect to ISIS or any other terrorist organization were found.

"As the charges indicate, this is a very serious crime. I am very pleased our investigators were able to quickly identify and arrest this individual bringing this matter to a quick close." Chief Corey O'Donohue

Tesner has prior convictions for Disturbing the Peace, Minor in Possession of Alcohol, and a Misdemeanor Weapons Offense.



Benjamin Tesner 11/30/1993

